

SENATE RESOLUTION

8696

By Senators Jayapal, Nelson, Pedersen, Hasegawa, Chase, Conway, Darneille, Frockt, Fraser, Mullet, Dammeier, Hobbs, McCoy, Keiser, Warnick, Benton, Takko, Billig, McAuliffe, Habib, Rolfes, and Cleveland

1 WHEREAS, January 26, 2016, marks Republic Day in India,
2 celebrating the adoption of the Constitution of the world's largest
3 democracy; and

4 WHEREAS, India achieved independence from British rule through
5 peaceful and nonviolent resistance; and

6 WHEREAS, The Indian Constitution asserts equality before law, and
7 declares "that the State shall not deny to any person equality before
8 the law or the equal protection of the laws within the territory of
9 India"; and

10 WHEREAS, Washington state has many cultural and economic ties to
11 India, including over sixty thousand Indian-Americans living in this
12 state; and

13 WHEREAS, Indian-Americans are small business owners,
14 entrepreneurs, and CEOs of Washington companies, including the
15 founding officers of many Seattle-based tech companies; and

16 WHEREAS, These businesses provide useful services, resources, and
17 jobs to the people of this state; and

18 WHEREAS, Indian-Americans have been emigrating to the West Coast
19 since the nineteenth century, working in our most vital industries
20 including agriculture, logging, and trade; and

21 WHEREAS, Indian-Americans serve selflessly in our armed forces
22 and in law enforcement, as well as contribute profoundly to the

1 health care industry and Washington's institutions of higher
2 education;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
4 Senate honor the 2016 Republic Day as a symbol of the shared
5 values of democracy and liberty, between the nation of India and
6 both the State of Washington and the United States of America.

7 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
8 do hereby certify that this is a true and
9 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8696,
10 adopted by the Senate
11 January 26, 2016

12 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
13 Secretary of the Senate